

BOTULISM ADVISORY
Update on Botulism Outbreak and Chili Products Recall
July 31, 2007

Background

Public health and food regulatory officials nationwide are investigating an outbreak of botulism associated with canned products manufactured by Castleberry's Food Company. The New Mexico Environment Department is working to ensure that retail outlets, food pantries, and other agencies that serve or distribute canned goods are no longer serving the recalled products and that consumers discard the recalled products (See proceeding list). Foodborne botulism is a rare but serious disease that can result in paralysis and death. The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) is investigating a suspect case of botulism in a Sandoval County resident: confirmation of the botulism diagnosis and determination of whether the patient consumed any of the products associated with the outbreak is pending.

Particular care should be used when handling and disposing of cans that show any signs of damage such as dents, swelling or leakage in order to prevent any human exposure to the contents of the cans.

Proper Disposal of Recalled Products: Retailers, foodservice establishments, food pantries and other organizations that serve or distribute canned food products

- Isolate recalled products from other stock and secure and tag for pick-up or disposal as directed by Castleberry or their designee.
- Disposal must be done in accordance with State and local regulations and ordinances.
- Do *not* puncture or otherwise open cans prior to disposal.
- Do *not* dispose of recalled products by placing them in unsecured garbage cans, dumpsters or other receptacles in a manner that could result in subsequent removal by individuals for their own use or for sale to others.

Proper Disposal of Recalled Products: Consumers

- *Immediately* throw away any of the recalled products or any foods made with these products.
- Do *not* puncture or otherwise open cans prior to disposal.
- Double bag the cans in plastic bags that are tightly closed then place in a trash receptacle for non-recyclable trash outside of the home.

Special Precautions for Handling and Disposing of Opened, Swelling, or Leaking Cans of Recalled Product or Foods Made with Recalled Product

- Dispose of food or cans that may be contaminated by placing in a sealable bag, wrapping another plastic bag around the sealable bag, and then taping tightly.
- Place bags in a trash receptacle for non-recyclable trash outside the home and out of reach of humans and pets.
- Do *not* discard the food in a sink, garbage disposal, or toilet.
- Avoid splashing and contact with the skin.

- Wear rubber or latex gloves when handling open containers of food that you think may be contaminated.
- Wash hands with soap and running water for at least 2 minutes after handling food or containers that may be contaminated.
- Wipe up spills using a bleach solution (use ¼ cup bleach for each 2 cups of water). Completely cover the spill with the bleach solution. Place a layer of paper towels, 5 to 10 towels thick, on top of the bleach. Let the towels sit for at least 15 minutes, then put the paper towels in the trash. Wipe up any remaining liquid with new paper towels. Clean the area with liquid soap and water to remove the bleach. Wash hands with soap and running water for at least 2 minutes. Sponges, cloths, rags and gloves that may have come into contact with contaminated food or containers should be discarded with the food.

Contact the New Mexico Environment Department at 505-624-6046 (Ron Taylor) or 505-476-8608 (Mary Lou LaCasse) for information on proper disposal of recalled products.

What to Do if Someone Thinks They Have Botulism

Persons with signs or symptoms of botulism are advised to *immediately* obtain health care and mention botulism. The signs or symptoms of botulism include double vision, blurred vision, drooping eyelids, slurred speech, difficulty swallowing, or muscle weakness. Health care providers evaluating persons with signs of botulism should contact the New Mexico Department of Health immediately at 505-827-0006 for 24/7 consultation.

For more information visit the following web sites:

http://www.castleberrys.com/news_productrecall.asp (for all products)
<http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html> (for FDA-regulated products)
http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis_Recalls/index.asp (for USDA-regulated products)
<http://www.cdc.gov/botulism/botulism.htm> (for botulism information)

Complete List of Products Recalled

Due to possible contamination with the toxin that causes botulism, Castleberry's Food Company has recalled all the products identified below, regardless of their "Best If Used By Date."

Without Meat

Hot Dog Chili Sauces	SIZE	UPC CODES
Castleberry's Austex Onion Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	30300-97101
Castleberry's Austex Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	30300-99533
Castleberry's Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	30300-00101
Castleberry's Onion Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	30300-07101
Castleberry's Bunker Hill Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	75266-04152
Kroger Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	11110-83942
Meijer Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	41250-85862
Food Lion Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	35826-06911

Bloom Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	25439-92448
Thrifty Maid Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	21140-21367

With Meat

PRODUCT	SIZE	UPC CODES
Austex Beef Stew	15 oz	3030090815
Austex Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030091015
Austex Chili With Beans	19 oz	3030092519
Austex Chili No Beans	15 oz	3030097715
Austex Chili No Beans	19 oz	3030097719
Best Yet Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	4218741082
Best Yet Chili With Beans	15 oz	4218740842
Big Y Chili No Beans	15 oz	1889480424
Big Y Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	1889480225
Big Y Chili With Beans	15 oz	1889480425
Black Rock Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030001715
Bryan Hot Dog Chili Sauce With Beef	10 oz	5340030010
Bryan Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	5340030110
Bryan Chili No Beans	15 oz	5340030200
Bryan Chili With Beans	15 oz	5340030205
Bryan Chili No Beans	10 oz	5340135264
Bunker Hill Chili No Beans	10 oz	7526604112
Bunker Hill Spicier Chili No Beans	10 oz	7526604224
Castleberry's Brunswick Stew Chicken & Beef	15 oz	3030000315
Castleberry's Barbecue Pork	10 oz	3030000402
Castleberry's Barbecue Pork	14.5 oz	3030000415
Castleberry's Barbecue Beef	10 oz	3030000602
Castleberry's Beef Stew	15 oz	3030000815
Castleberry's Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	3030000915
Castleberry's Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030001015
Castleberry's Sausage Gravy	10 oz	3030005130
Castleberry's Creamed Chip Beef Gravy	10 oz	3030005150
Castleberry's Hot Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030007217
Castleberry's Chili No Beans	10 oz	3030007701
Castleberry's Chili No Beans	15 oz	3030007715
Castleberry's Georgia Hash	15 oz	3030000215
Cattle Drive Beef Stew	15 oz	3030001530
Cattle Drive Chili No Beans	15 oz	3030001520
Cattle Drive Chicken Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030001525
Cattle Drive Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030001515
Firefighters Chicken Chili With Beans	15 oz	7372500413
Firefighters Chili With Beans	15 oz	7372500411
Firefighters Chili No Beans	15 oz	7372500412
Food Club Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	3680080204
Food Club Chili No Beans	15 oz	3680080404
Food Club Chili With Beans	15 oz	3680080504
Goldstar Original Chili	10oz	2457500001
Goldstar Chili	15oz	2457500005
Goldstar Tex-Mex Chili With Beans	15 oz	2457500008
Great Value Chili With Beans	15 oz Canada Distribution Only	8113179994
Great Value Hot Chili With Beans	15 oz Canada Distribution Only	8113179995
Kroger Beef Stew	15oz	1111083928

Kroger Chili With Beans	15 oz	1111083930
Kroger Chili No Beans	15 oz	1111083908
Lowes Foods Chili No Beans	15 oz	4164301092
Lowes Foods Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	4164301094
Lowes Foods Chili With Beans	15 oz	4164301097
Meijer Chili No Beans	15 oz	4125095220
Meijer Chili With Beans	15 oz	4125095221
Meijer Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	4125095229
Morton House Chili With Beans Beef & Chicken	15 oz	7526665851
Morton House Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	7526665830
Paramount Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 oz	7526600510
Paramount Chili for Hot Dogs	15 oz	7526600526
Paramount Chili No Beans	15 oz	7526600501
Paramount Chili With Beans	15 oz	7526600502
Piggly Wiggly Chili With Beans	15 oz	4129037252
Piggly Wiggly Chili No Beans	15 oz	4129037354
Piggly Wiggly Chili No Beans	10 oz	4129037355
Piggly Wiggly Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	4129037357
Prudence Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	4114100020
Southern Home Chili No Beans	10 oz	3825948713
Southern Home Chili No Beans	15 oz	0788015340
Southern Home Chili With Beans	15 oz	0788015341
Southern Home Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	0788015360
Steak n Shake Chili With Beans	10 oz	5184400120
Thrifty Maid Chili With Beans	15 oz	2114021370
Thrifty Maid Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	2114021375
Triple Bar Ranch Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030005801
Triple Bar Ranch Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030005804
Triple Bar Ranch Chili No Beans	15 oz	3030005805
Value Time Beef and Chicken Chili With Beans	15 oz	1122542159

Pet Food

Natural Balance Eatables dog food varieties:	SIZE	UPC CODES
Irish Stew with Beef Dog Food	15 OZ	23633-59860
Chinese Take Out with Sauce with Vegetables and Chicken Dog Food	15 OZ	23633-59861
Southern Style Dumplings with Gravy with Chicken and Vegetables Dog Food	15 OZ	23633-59862
Hobo Chili with Chicken Pasta Dog Food	15 OZ	23633-59863

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